Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **Expedited Procedure Group Art Unit 3618**

Application No. 10/014,885 Paper Dated: March 5, 2004

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HYDRAULIC WORK SYSTEM

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Applicant

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Title

DRIVE DEVICE FOR A MACHINE WITH A

TRACTION **SYSTEM AND** DRIVE Α

Group Art Unit

3618

Examiner

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time in which to response to the outstanding final Action in the above-identified patent application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith.

The outstanding final Action was mailed on October 9, 2003 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on January 9, 2004. Therefore, a two-month extension of time will bring the response due on March 9, 2004. A

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one-month Petition for Extension of Time fee (\$110.00) and an Amendment were submitted on January 29, 2004. Therefore, a check in the amount of \$310.00 (\$420.00 minus \$110.00 already paid) is enclosed to cover the two-month extension fee.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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